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FURY OVER GREEN LIGHT FOR LATHOM SOLAR FARM PLAN

Council claims benefits of scheme outweigh harm but residents say decision shows disdain for local community and heritage

Report by **Henry James**

FURIOUS residents have accused West Lancs Council of ignoring community concerns and 'treating local heritage with disdain' by giving the green light to plans to build a solar farm on a site in Lathom believed to have been used to bury horses that served in the First World War.

However, the authority said that after taking these matters into consideration it was decided that the benefits of the proposals outweighed the harm.

And despite what they described as "some vocal opposition", developers Lighsource BP claimed "the majority of the feedback has been supportive."

Local campaigners though said the only support for the scheme had come employeers or non-residents.

Lightsource BP and NSG want to place the solar installation at Lord's Cottage, Hall Lane, which was part of the Lathom Park estate where more than 200,000 horses were trained for service in the 1914-18 war.

The plant is strongly opposed by local residents' groups, including the Skelmersdale Veterans' Association, who gathered a 400-name petition and turned up to support residents at the meeting of the planning committee last Thursday.

The veterans were initially refused entry to the meeting on health and safety grounds but were eventually allowed in after removing the pointed heads of the flagpoles bearing their standards.

A spokesperson for Lathom residents against the proposal, said: "Within yards of this farmhouse, closely linked to the Civil War siege of 1644, a field of glass will grow to blight the landscape and take precious Green Belt land from the agricultural stock of Lathom residents.

Lathom residents and members of Skelmersdale Veterans' Association who attended the council meeting to show their opposition to the solar farm plan.

"Within a few yards of the perimeter wall of the Lathom Park Conservation Area, on land teeming with wildlife, a solar farm will be built to supply a small percentage of the power needed by NSG. Unlike normal folk NSG seem incapable of negotiating a deal with their energy supplier and must resort to theft of Green Belt to support their growing drain on the National Grid.

"Despite a 400-signature petition (all genuine residents) and despite continued protest and opposition highlighted in the media, NSG along with Lightsource pushed ahead and ignored all concerns.

"The history and heritage of Lathom was particularly treated with disdain, despite the appeal by Lathom Park Trust in their letter of objection for a watching brief and after much anecdotal evidence came forward about the

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Funding shortfall forces award-winning disability advice charity to close

Trustees 'had to take responsible decision' even though need of its services is greater than ever

Report by **Henry James**

THE Queen's Award-winning charity, Disability Advice West Lancs - which has since 1981 provided 110,000 disabled people and their carers with information, advice and support - has closed this week.

Trustees at the Whelmar House-based charity in Skelmersdale took the decision to close on Tuesday (July 31) due to lack of funds.

They issued the following statement: "Funding is increasingly very difficult to attract and funding steams that were available have simply dried up.

"We re-branded the organisation in 2013 and this was successful for some years. Unfortunately now, given the lack of funds, we were faced with a situation where we have to find almost £50,000 alone up to the end of March 2019 to carry on.

"We had already downsized in 2016 and cannot downsize further. Even if we had found this money, there is always next year to consider. We had to take the responsible decision to close the charity down due to a lack of funds even though there is more of a need for us than ever before."

Tony Lewis, manager of Disability Advice West Lancs

Team members past and present have generated more than £25m in welfare income for people in poverty to improve their standard of living.

Tony Lewis, Disability Advice West Lancs manager, said: "We have enabled disabled people and their carers to make informed choices about how they wish to live their lives and have made a vital contribution to the wider determinants of health - stress reduction, independence, self-confidence and financial, as well as, social inclusion."

Volunteers too have benefited over the years as their work has helped them to attain their goals of a springboard into paid work, a sense of belonging and enjoying a fulfilling retirement.

The charity has also employed many people over the years which has "made a vital contribution towards West Lancashire's economy."

The trustees added: "We would like to thank clients, funders, volunteers, paid staff and partner organisations for their support over the years in making such a vital and unique contribution to the West Lancashire Community.

"West Lancashire CVS have been particularly supportive over the years and trustees wish to place this on record."

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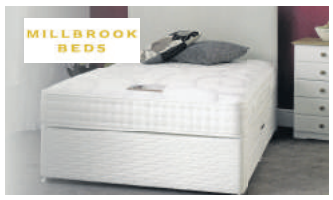

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Residents' anger over council go-ahead for solar farm

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war horse graves understood to be on the site, the councillors voted 8-5 to pass the application.

"Despite claims that the plan will create local jobs for local people, one councillor admitted that the main reason for agreeing this atrocious abuse should happen on Green Belt is that the Labour council aim is to meet their obligation to support the development of green energy."

Paul Kenyon, chairman of Lathom Park Trust, said: "The site, as I know, is the site of First World War army horse graves. Horses that either died or had to be dispatched from the Lathom Remount depot, due to illness or injury, were buried in this field.

"My grandfather, who lived all his life in Lathom, passed this information down through the family, other local families have the same knowledge."

A statement issued by West Lancs Council read: "In determining a planning application the council has to take into account a number of considerations, these include representations from statutory bodies, local bodies, local residents (some of whom supported the proposal), information submitted by the applicant, as well as local and national planning policy.

"All these considerations are set out in the planning committee report.

"The council took into consideration all these matters, including the petition, and for the reasons set out in the report came to the judgement that the benefits of the proposal outweighed the harm and that the proposal was, as a consequence, in accordance with local and national planning policies."

A statement issued by a Lightsource BP spokesperson, read: "We're delighted our planning application to develop a solar installation to generate clean electricity for NSG's European Technical Centre in Lathom has been approved.

"This project will help NSG to meet its carbon reduction targets, saving an estimated 908 tonnes of carbon emissions each year - the equivalent of taking 193 family cars off the road. It will provide 30% of the annual electricity usage of the Technical Centre at a guaranteed fixed rate, which will result in lower operational costs for the site.

"The application has been well publicised, both through our own community engagement activities and through media attention throughout the council's determination process. Despite some vocal opposition, the majority of the feedback has been supportive of our proposal.

"The proposal was reviewed in detail by expert statutory consultees - all of whom concluded that the proposal would have limited impacts and raised no objections. A number of conditions are attached to the decision notice to ensure environmental mitigation and archaeological monitoring takes place. They require the removal of the solar installation after the 30-year performance warranty period and reinstatement of the land to current uses.

"We commend the councillors for determining this application based on the facts of the proposal."

Church leaders count cost of vandal attack

Report by **Henry James**

LEADERS at a local church have been left are counting the cost of a vandalism attack.

Vandals who targeted St Michael and All Angels Church on Higher Lane, Dalton smashed eight outside lights and two leaded windows, as well as damaging a memorial bench.

Church officials are now seeking to raise £2,000 to enable them to install CCTV cameras at the church.

Janice Bainbridge, whose husband is the church warden at St Michael and All Angels, said: "It's so sad that something likes should happen and we don't understand why someone would do this.

"This church is very well-loved in the area and we were really shocked to discover the vandalism.

"The lights they smashed used to light up the church at night and none of them work now.

St Michael and All Angels Church, Dalton, which has been targeted by vandals.

"We don't know exactly how much it would cost to replace the leaded windows and lights and this is obviously something for the insurers.

"It seems that the vandals had a good look around the church to see what they could damage. The two windows that they smashed were the only two which had the protection inside.

"There are many people who use the church and its grounds and we are asking them to be vigilant.

"If the intruders had damaged the stained glass windows that would have been awful - they are nearly 150 years old."

Church leaders have contacted the police who have said they are going to put on extra patrols in the area at night.

A Skelmersdale resident, who has relatives buried at the church, said: "I have been in Skelmersdale 40 years and this is the first time I have ever seen damage like that to a church. It's disgusting that someone would do this."

Anyone with information is asked by Skelmersdale Police to call 101 and quote the crime reference number SB1803846.

Shake on it . . . managing Director of Carroll Build, Terry Carroll and Councillor Jenny Forshaw, portfolio holder for housing and landlord services West Lancashire Borough Council.

Contractor signs up to Beechtrees project

MERSEYSIDE-based Carroll Build has successfully secured a contract with West Lancashire Borough Council for the construction of 36 new-build homes in Skelmersdale.

Work started in April on the Beechtrees site formerly home to eight blocks of flats, which were demolished to make way for these new homes.

The development is part of the council's plan to meet demand for good-quality affordable housing in the area.

The properties will consist of 36 semi-detached homes, and will be available to rent from April next year.

Terry Carroll, managing director of the Carroll Group, commented: "We are very proud to be given the opportunity to work with West Lancashire Borough Council and their professional consultants, Arcus Consulting LLP on this prestigious project, which will greatly enhance the streetscape for the local community.

"Carroll Build has already completed a portfolio of works for rental properties for a number of leading housing providers in the North West and we are looking forward to utilising our expertise in this area to carry out the works on this fantastic development."

Jacqui Sinnott-Lacey, director of housing and inclusion at West Lancashire Borough Council, said: "We're really pleased to see these much-needed family homes being built here at Beechtrees.

"This project forms part of a much wider regeneration programme to benefit local communities across Skelmersdale."

Members of Skelmersdale PULSE and IMAGO Training with Rosie Cooper and the Mayor, Councillor Noel Delaney.

Volunteer-run drop-in centre opens to help people cope with stress and mental health issues

A NEW project where people can meet and talk about the stresses of life has been opened at Skelmersdale's Concourse centre.

Three Little Birds is a new initiative of community support group Skelmersdale P.U.L.S.E, working with IMAGO Training, which provides courses on mental health awareness and training in skills to help people with mental health issues.

Without funding and run by volunteers, the project aims to provide a space where people can talk openly about the stresses of life and work in a safe, non-judgmental environment.

Members of P.U.L.S.E. and IMAGO Training played host to a couple of special visitors when borough MP, Rosie Cooper and the Mayor of West Lancs, Councillor Noel Delaney, dropped in as they prepared for the launch of Three Little Birds.

Opening for the first time tomorrow (Thursday, August 2) the project will run at P.U.L.S.E. premises on the ground floor of the Concourse (opposite Farmfoods) and be open every Thursday between 2 and7pm.

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Back on track ...75% of Northern Rail's 'lost' services running again

Train operator says rest will follow in September

Report by **Henry James**

Northern Rail has reintroduced 75% of its train services

A TOTAL of 75% of Northern Rail train services removed following delays and cancellations prompted by the introduction of new timetables in May have been reintroduced.

Many services were abandoned when the new schedules hit the buffers resulting in hundreds of cancellations and thousands of disgruntled passengers.

Northern implemented a reduced temporary timetable as the company struggled to get to grips with the problem.

However, the majority of the lost services were due to be back on track from Monday (July 30) with the remaining 25% scheduled to follow during September, including six Southport to Blackburn services on the West Lancashire Line through, Burscough Bridge, Parbold and Appley Bridge.

Ten daily services (of the 16 removed) were also set to run again this week between Ormskirk and Preston, with the remaining six to be reinstated next month.

Following the completion of major upgrade works by Network Rail, Liverpool Lime Street station also reopened on July 30, enabling the vast majority of services to and from the city to resume.

Managing director of Northern, David Brown, said: "The May timetable caused significant disruption for customers on some routes on our network and we're truly sorry for that.

"We introduced an interim timetable on a number of routes from June 4 and that has enabled us to accelerate our driver training, stabilise service levels, improve performance and significantly reduce last-minute cancellations.

"Whilst we are ready to reintroduce all 168 daily services, given the need to drive further improvements across Manchester, we have agreed to a more gradual reintroduction of our services. A phased introduction is the right approach to ensure a more stable and reliable service for customers."

Martin Frobisher, route managing director of Network Rail's London North Western route, said: "The May timetable change resulted in poorer services for many customers and we are very sorry for this.

"We are working hard with our Great North Rail Project partners to improve the performance of trains across the North, so that customers get better services they rightly deserve."

Local Legion members to join in Pilgrimage of Remembrance

Report by **Kenny Parker**

MEMBERS of West Lancs branches of the Royal British Legion are to join thousands on a Pilgrimage of Remembrance to First World War battlefields as part of the end of the 1914-18 war's centenary commemorations this month.

The event, known as Great Pilgrimage 90 (GP90), will take place between Sunday, August 5 and Thursday, August 9 and will be one of the largest in the charity's history. It will culminate in a parade and ceremony in Ypres.

GP90 will mark 90 years since the original Royal British Legion Pilgrimage in 1928, which saw 11,000 World War One veterans and war widows visit the battlefields of the Somme in France and Ypres in Belgium, a decade after the conflict ended.

That pilgrimage culminated in a march through Ypres to the Commonwealth War Grave Commission's Menin Gate Memorial for a ceremony to commemorate the launch of The Hundred Days Offensive and in remembrance of those who never returned.

Trevor Riley and John Nicholls will represent the Mawdesley branch of the RBL, as standard bearer and wreath-layer respectively and standard bearers Mike Forshaw and Kathleen Murdoch, along with wreath-layers Richard Houghton and David Murdoch, will represent the Lathom & Burscough branch.

Representatives from Lathom and Burscough Royal British Legion who will attend the GP 90 Parade at Ypres - Mike Forshaw, Richard Houghton, David Murdoch and Kath Murdoch.

The legion members will also tour some of the same battlefields and cemeteries visited by those on the 1928 Pilgrimage, before marching along the original route through Ypres, to the Menin Gate on Wednesday, August 8, bearing their branch standards and poppy wreaths.

They will join more than 2,200 other Legion representatives and dignitaries, including civic and military guests from the UK, Commonwealth and Northern Europe who are taking part.

Once at the Menin Gate, John, Richard and David will lay wreaths on behalf of their local communities.

Unique

Tony Bridge and Keith Mitchell, chairmen of the Lathom & Burscough and Mawdesley branches of the Royal British Legion respectively, said: "Great Pilgrimage 90 is a unique opportunity for the Legion community to come together and bear our standards along the same route in Ypres taken 90 years earlier by the veterans and widows of the First World War."

The parade will start at midday and the legion is encouraging the public to make the trip across to Ypres and fill the market square to watch the parade, One Hundred Days ceremony and then an afternoon of musical entertainment including The Central Band of the Royal British Legion.

Family firm boss says they're not to blame for village HGV menace

THE boss of a family-run agricultural wholesalers says the company's vehicles are not guilty of speeding or any illegal activity on a rural community's narrow roads.

Residents in Bickerstaffe and Barrow Nook claimed that HGVs passing through the area were putting pedestrians and other road users at risk by mounting the pavements and speeding.

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They also believed some of the vehicles were above the permitted 7.5 tonne weight restriction and said the volume of HGV traffic had increased with wagons coming and going 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

However, Alan Draper, managing director of R. Draper Ltd. in Barrow Nook Lane, Bickerstaffe, told the Champion: "I have lived in Bickerstaffe all of my life, as do most of my family. We are very passionate about what's going on in our community.

"Our business is family-run and has been in Barrow Nook for 72 years, having been established by my parents in 1946. We employ over 20 local people.

"Our wagons do not work 24 hours a day, nor do they work seven days a week.

"We legally have access to and from our depot as we are in the middle of the current weight restriction.

"If residents feel other road users are illegally using these roads, I feel they should approach the companies involved directly to take further action."

Golf course plan bunkered

WEST Lancs Council's planning committee has refused planning permission for a golf course and driving range to be built on pasture land in the borough.

An application had been submitted by Bridge Farm, Dale Lane, Simonswood, to convert existing pasture land at the site to a golf facility incorporating floodlit driving range with covered practice bays and administration office; nine-hole par 3 golf course; adventure golf course and parking provision.

The proposal also incorporated a rainwater-harvesting scheme for irrigation with an associated water storage lagoon, together with significant planting and greatly increased biodiversity.

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Labour councillors claim county's response time for fixing potholes has 'collapsed'

Report by **Henry James**

Highways chief says 'teething problems' with new system were to blame for initial drop in performance and things will get better

LABOUR members of Lancashire County Council say that figures released to the authority's internal 'scrutiny committee' show that response times for the fixing of potholes has worsened under the current Conservative administration.

They say the statistics reveal only 66% of potholes have been fixed within 20 working days for the period 2017/2018, compared to 97% under the Labour leadership in 2016/2017.

Skelmersdale East County Councillor John Fillis, deputy leader of the Labour group, said: "The Conservatives used a smoke and mirrors policy to suggest that potholes might be repaired within five, 10 and 20 working days. They have also stated that millions of pounds extra was going to be spent on Lancashire roads however many local people have said 'not around here.'

"Residents are rightly outraged at the state of Lancashire's roads. We know that people have been injured and residents have faced extra costs in repairs to bicycles, motorbikes and cars.

"These figures are appalling. In the last year of the previous administration 97% of potholes were repaired within 20 working days. Within just one year the Conservative administration pothole response has collapsed to 66%.

"The standard excuse from the current administration is to blame winter, but this year in April it was 56% and May 66%. This is a serious failure of the chaotic Conservative county council to deliver services for local people. Excuses are not good enough, especially when they increased council tax by 6% this year and the Conservatives voted against the £5m extra funding proposed by Labour specifically to provide permanent pothole repairs."

Labour Councillors say the county councillor's response time for fixing potholes has 'collapsed'.

Difference

In response, County Councillor Keith Iddon, Lancashire's cabinet member for highways and transport, said: "The damage to our roads caused by the colder than average and prolonged winter has taken some time to get on top of. Using injection patching teams to find and fix potholes and repair them quickly is making a difference, and it's clear to see the roads are in better condition. We're making the most of the current good weather to get on with our annual maintenance programme of resurfacing and surface dressing.

"Despite the drop in performance in responding to potholes within 20 days over the past financial year, this has now substantially improved and was up to 86% in June, close to our target of 90%.

"The drop in performance was due to a number of factors, including the severe winter which led to our resources being stretched.

"The main reason was that we have been replacing several systems for managing all aspects of highway management with one system, to reduce administration and ensure things are done more efficiently in future.

"This had an impact on operational productivity while people were trained to use the new system and teething problems were dealt with. We're still working through some issues, however when fully up to speed it will mean we can manage our highways more effectively and people receive a better service when they report a problem."

Step out for Summer...

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Hunters Hill @ 10am
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Fri 24th Aug
Mere Sands Wood Walk
Stanley Coronation Park @ 2pm
2-3 mile walk & talk

Sat 25th Aug
Lathom Circular
Ruff Wood @10am
8 miles

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Jack Renshaw

LAST week's Champion report on the trial of two men jailed for belonging to the banned National Action group incorrectly stated that Jack Renshaw from Skelmersdale, who admitted buying a machete with the intention of killing West Lancs MP Rosie Cooper, had been sentenced to six years in jail.

In fact, the six-year sentence was handed to fellow defendant Matthew Hankinson.

Jack Renshaw has not yet been sentenced. We apologise for this error.

Care trust wins 'Best Place to Work' award

LANCASHIRE Care NHS Foundation Trust won the 'Best Place to Work' award at the Healthcare Financial Management Association (HFMA) North West branch awards 2018.

The trust was recognised for its ability to recruit, sustain and develop teams within the finance department.

The trust's chief finance officer and deputy chief executive, Bill Gregory, said: "It's such an honour to have received the 'Best Place to Work' award. We have been working so hard to enhance staff knowledge and skills in order to support them to feel better about their career options, improve wellbeing and make the trust a great place to work."

'My son could have been killed'

Mum slams suspended sentence for former pro rugby player who attacked teenager over bullying claim

Report by **Kenny Parker**

THE mother of a West Lancs teenager who was knocked unconscious and left with a broken nose after being assaulted by a former international Rugby League player said she is "appalled" after his attacker walked free from court.

Former St Helens prop forward Vila Matautia was handed a seven-month suspended prison sentence and ordered to pay £1,000 compensation and participate with 10 rehabilitation days, following the attack on schoolboy, Cole Overson.

The victim from Bickerstaffe, who was 15 at the time, was attacked behind the Golden Lion pub in Rainford last December.

Matautia, 48, who also represented Western Samoa in the 1995 Rugby League World Cup, claimed that Cole had been bullying his son who was three years below him at Rainford High School.

Liverpool Crown Court was told that he had punched the teenager once knocking him unconscious. Cole said that as he came around he was punched another five times. His injuries included a broken nasal bone, cut to the nose, bruising and swelling to the forehead, cheek and jaw.

Following the sentencing hearing, the youngster's mother, Joanne, said: "I am appalled - I think Matautia has got away with it because of the serious effect that night has had on my son.

"He could have been killed. I was horrified when I saw him just covered in blood.

"Cole's not a street-wise kid, we live on a farm and this is a boy who lost his dad just under a year ago. He didn't deserve to be put in the state that he was in.

Cole Olverson following the assault

"He even had to have an MRI scan because he still gets confused on occasions since this happened. I now have a 16-year-old who is fearful to go out and has terrible anxiety and depression."

Matautia initially denied being in the area but later told police that he had gone to speak to the youths about bullying when one of them (not Cole) pulled a knife on him. He said he knocked the knife out of the youth's hand and punched Cole in self-defence.

However, he admitted assault occasioning actual bodily harm.

Mrs Overson added: "Even if he had been a bully, this is not how you deal with it. If you think your child is being bullied you should go to the school and if nothing is done then go to the bully's parents."

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Aspiring researcher Katy wins Royal Society prize for scoring top marks in human biology degree

AN aspiring researcher from Skelmersdale has been awarded The Royal Society of Biology Prize for achieving top marks in her human biology degree.

Katy Andrews, 37, who graduated from Edge Hill Uinversity with a first class honours degree, received a certificate and 12 months membership to the Royal Society of Biology as a result of scoring the highest aggregate mark across the three years of her course.

As well as scoring top marks, Katy thoroughly enjoyed the course and embraced a number of opportunities on offer, from interning in Berlin looking at the development of 3D human skin models and interning at Edge Hill identifying microbial species in a hyper saline environment in North West England with Dr André Antunes, to presenting her research at the British Society of Investigative Dermatology annual meeting in London.

She said: "The course was great and it enabled me to experience a variety of scientific fields, making it easier to discover the areas I enjoy working in. All the biosciences staff have been so supportive - they even allowed me to go to additional lectures that weren't part of my degree programme.

"When I found out I had won the award I was over the moon. All the hard work has been worth it and I couldn't have done it without all the support from Katja and André, as well as Professor Sarah Hedtrich whose team I worked with during my internship in Berlin."

Katy Andrews

Senior lecturer in biology, Dr Katja Eckl, who was Katy's personal tutor and dissertation supervisor, said: "I am so delighted Katy was awarded with the Royal Society prize. It was such a pleasure to have her as an undergraduate dissertation project student.

"Katy is one of the very few students who never believes what you say until she has seen evidence and has read everything available and even this is often not enough (ask the library) - this is the stuff future researchers are made from."

This isn't the end of Katy's Edge Hill journey however, as she's embarking on a Master of Research degree in September titled Establishment of a new, plant-cell based mass production pipeline for protein replacement therapy for TGM1 deficient ichthyosis patients.

As for future aspirations, she said: "At the moment, I'm really enjoying investigative biomedical research. The research is novel so it takes a lot of investigation to develop the testing protocols and so the outcome is completely unknown.

"Research is a very large and challenging learning curve, but there is always an interesting surprise just waiting to be discovered at the end.

"Plus it's a nice feeling to think that your work has the potential to change a patient's life for the better."

Primary school staff present Bethany with a special award for 100% attendance

STAFF at a Skelmersdale primary school have presented one of their pupils with a special attendance award for never missing a single day at school.

Bethany Jones received the award for 100% attendance throughout the whole of her time at Delph Side Community Primary in Tanhouse.

Bethany Jones with her award

Proud

Ian Morris, one of the teachers at the Eskdale school, said: "This is such an amazing and difficult achievement, but Bethany has made it happen through her love of school and commitment to her learning. We couldn't be happier for her!"

Proud mum, Emma, added: "Bethany has loved being at Delph Side school - so much so that one time when she had a serious accident, resulting in stitches to her face, she still insisted on returning to school."

Meanwhile, Bethany said: "My school has always given me lots of encouragement to achieve my goals, and the staff have always looked after me so well.

"I've enjoyed every minute of my time at Delph Side and I will never forget them."

Rainford Road where the accident occurred.

Police witness plea after motorcyclist hurt in road collision

POLICE are appealing for witnesses after a motorcyclist was seriously injured in a road traffic accident on the A570 Rainford bypass near Bickerstaffe.

At around 4.50pm Thursday July 26 a Ssangyong Rexton car travelling northbound slowed to turn close to Quattros restaurant and a second vehicle slowed and travelled past it on the nearside.

A Yamaha motorcycle, approaching from behind, was then involved in a collision with the Ssangyong.

The biker, a 22-year-old man from Skelmersdale, suffered a serious head injury and a broken arm and was taken to Aintree Hospital where he was described as being in a critical but stable condition.

The driver of the Ssangyong, a 63-year-old man from Rainford, was not injured.

The road was closed for more than four hours while accident investigators attended the scene.

Police are appealing for information and are keen to trace the driver of the second vehicle.

Sergeant Tracey Ward, of Lancashire Police, said: "An investigation is underway following a serious collision in Bickerstaffe. We are keen to speak to any witnesses and in particular want to trace the driver of the second vehicle.

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Partnerships are key to cutting rural crime says commissioner

THE findings of the recently released National Rural Crime Survey shows growing demand on police from issues that need responses from across different authorities, according to Lancashire's Police and Crime Commissioner, Clive Grunshaw.

The highest two reported issues in Lancashire were fly-tipping and speeding, raised by 50% and 34% of respondents respectively. These came ahead of criminal damage (10%) and theft (9%).

Mr Grunshaw said: "This survey shows that concerns about rural crime are a real issue in the county and I will be working with the constabulary to understand how we can improve the service with the ever-reducing resources available to us.

"The fact that the main issues aren't just for the police does show the impact that cuts across the public sector have on our communities. For years I have been saying that cuts to council services and other partners impact on the police.

"While there is a lot of work to be done to make rural communities feel safer, I am glad that the majority of residents in our rural communities have a positive view of the police overall."

Local authorities and the environment agency are responsible for dealing with fly-tipping,

Lancashire's Police and Crime Commissioner Clive Grunshaw.

while the police work closely with councils and other partners through the Lancashire Road Safety Partnership to tackle speeding.

Superintendent Julian Platt, Lancashire Constabulary's lead on rural crime, said: "Lancashire Constabulary have a strong policing offer for rural communities. However we realise that the backdrop of austerity has the potential to increase rural vulnerability and rural deprivation.

"Within our rural communities we have specially trained local officers who understand rural life, the challenges and how best to support our community. Recently, Lancashire has purchased new 4x4 vehicles to make sure these officers can extend our reach into rural Lancashire.

"We enjoy strong partnership working that joins up agencies and ensures we are more effective. And while policing rural Lancashire in 2018 presents tough challenges, by working together we can keep the whole county safe."

The survey was commissioned by the National Rural Crime Network (NRCN) which is made up of 30 police and crime commissioners from across the country, including Lancashire. It is also supported by a wide range of other bodies with a deep interest in community safety and rural affairs.

Julia Mulligan, chair of the NRCN, says the survey must be a wake-up call for those in positions of power. "The National Rural Crime Network will continue to fight for rural communities, who should not have to put up with sub-standard services just because of where they live. This simply cannot be tolerated.

"Despite the passionate and professional police officers working incredibly hard day-in, day-out, them and the communities they serve are being let down because priorities lie elsewhere."

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Members of the public are being invited to nominate a member of staff at Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust for an honour in the 10th annual staff awards.

Trust chief executive, Silas Nicholls, said: "It's a special year for the NHS this year as we're celebrating the 70th anniversary of the founding of the service in 1948. So, we're making the trust's 10th annual staff awards special too with a new look.

"We want to share patients' and the public's pride in our staff by seeing them nominated in the Time to Shine People's Health Hero Award.

"It's a fantastic opportunity for individuals or families to show their appreciation to a staff member who is the jewel in their team. They will have shown drive, enthusiasm or good sense of humour, inspiring those around them, especially in times of difficulty or stress."

Nominations for the award are open until Sunday, August 19. Any member of staff, in any role, is eligible for a nomination providing they have worked for the trust over the past 12 months.

Nominations can be made from the trust's website or in writing to the chief executive at Southport Hospital.

Time to Shine is the new name for the awards previously known as the Pride Awards. They will be presented for the first time at Formby Hall Golf Club and Spa on Friday, October 12.

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Applications can be made online at heartresearch.org.uk/grants/healthy-heart. Closing date is Thursday, September 6.

Rosie Cooper calls for expansion of services at Ormskirk Hospital

Borough MP urges PM to prioritise existing sites ahead of new projects

Report by **Kenny Parker**

ROSIE Cooper has called on the Government to prioritise expanding existing services at Ormskirk Hospital rather than splashing out on more hospitals.

The West Lancs MP raised the issue in Prime Minister's Questions following the recent report which raised the possibility of building a new hospital between Ormskirk and Southport.

She asked Theresa May: "Would the Prime Minister agree that as part of the Government's attempt to expand capacity in the NHS that existing sites, such as Ormskirk Hospital in my constituency where there would be capacity to build an extra floor, should be prioritised for expansion ahead of simply building a new hospital at a much greater cost and deprive the NHS of much-needed investment that should go into patients and staffing?"

Rosie Cooper at Prime Minister's Questions.

Mrs May responded by saying that the Government planned to spend an extra £20 billion a year on the NHS by 2023/24, funding not just new sites, but also improvements to existing facilities.

And she added: "As regards Ormskirk Hospital I understand that there has been a report made by Northern England Clinical Senate which has made proposals around the provision of emergency services. No decisions have been made, that is a matter for the NHS, but as we look for the long-term plan, what I want the NHS clinicians to do is come forward with proposals that are the best proposals for patients and to take account of local interests."

'Cheaper option'

Speaking afterwards Rosie Cooper said: "One of the biggest-ever reviews into services offered by Southport and Ormskirk Hospital Trust and where they are located is now underway. I have previously stated that I will never accept any move or proposal to downgrade or close Ormskirk Hospital and will defend our local health service.

"This Government has shown that there is money available for investment in the NHS, so it is clear to me that the money is best spent expanding current sites to better meet patient demand, which is a far cheaper option than building new sites altogether.

"I was pleased with the Prime Minister's response and we must agree that decisions should take serious account of local interests with clinicians putting forward the best proposals for patients."

Earlier Ms Cooper had thanked her fellow MPs for their support during the recent trial of members of a banned neo-Nazi group linked to a plot to kill her.

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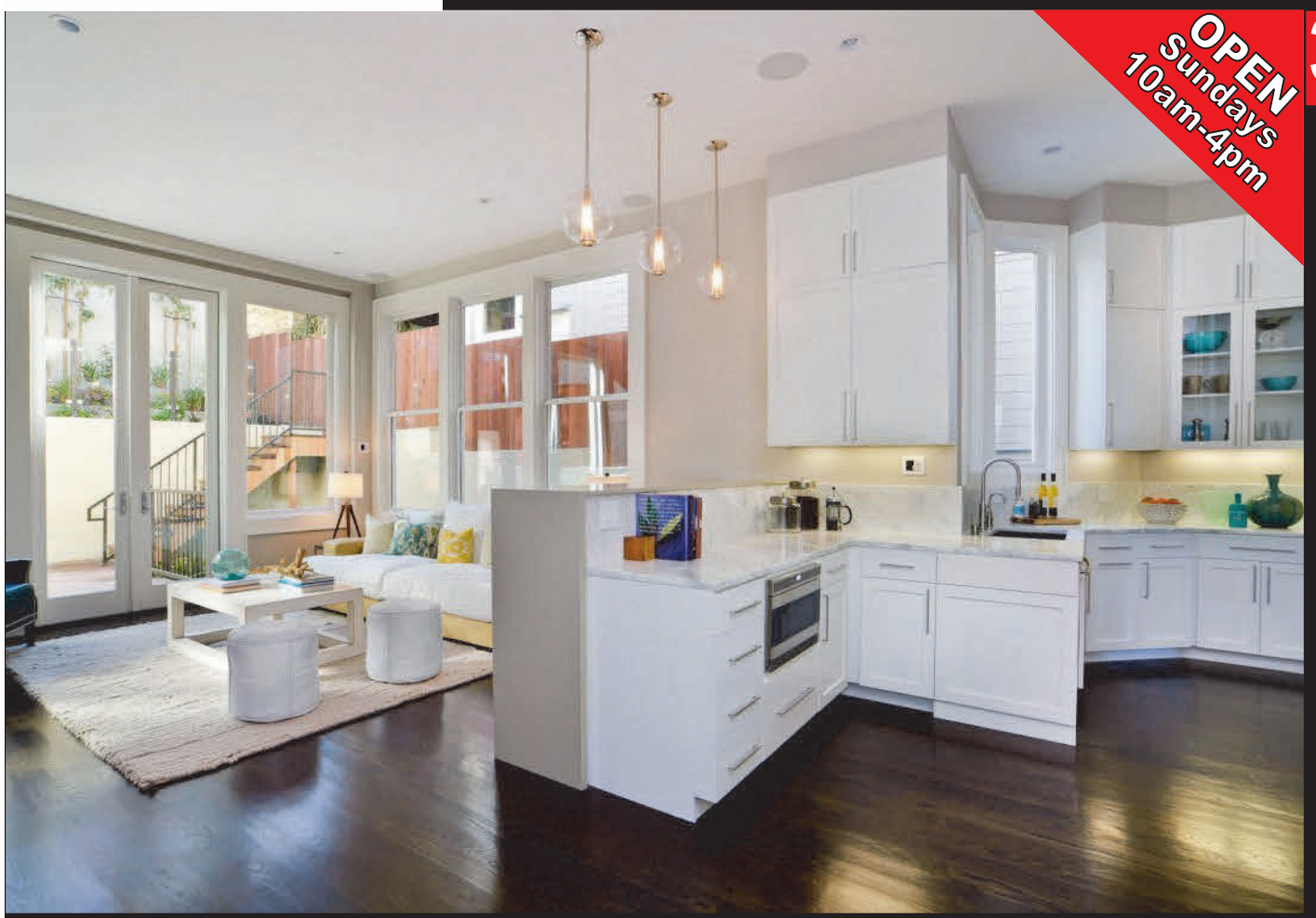

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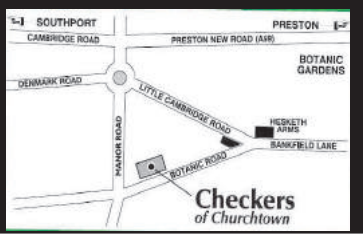

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Last week I arranged to have lunch with two friends in the top floor dining room at the Maritime Museum at Liverpool's Albert Dock, an event which has become almost a ritual which we repeat three or four times a year and one I eagerly look forward to.

And it all started out so well. It was a beautiful hot summer's day and I chose to walk right down to the Pier Head and then along the riverside walk to the Maritime Museum.

Right there, at the Pier Head, a cruise liner was tied up. It was what I would call a proper ship too - which I suppose meant it was not of the most recent 'Butlins Afloat' style. So I was feeling quite at peace with the world until the Mersey Ferry (I couldn't read which one) pulled away from the stage on its river cruise and - shock, horror - it was painted in a ghastly 'dazzle' livery.

If it was supposed to be a replica camouflage job it worked because when I noticed it again, 10 or 15 minutes later, it was nearing the Seacombe ferry terminal, and from my distant viewpoint it honestly resembled nothing more than a rather tall heap of rubbish moving slowly up river.

Tell me, was there something inherently wrong with the admittedly sober but dignified livery carried by Mersey Ferries for generations?

Anyway, it jarred on my good feelings and got me thinking. This compulsion to modernise just about anything (if a camouflage job could be called that) is spreading. For example, advertising vinyls obscuring the windows of buses, not only restricting a passenger's outward view but again 'uglifying' whatever livery has been adopted.

And continuing my walk, I wondered also about the modernistic buildings springing up along the Mersey frontage. All these concrete, straight-angled lines and occasional unrelated swoops look OK now but what about once they start to weather? In 100 years' time will folk really want to stare and wonder the way they do with the Three Graces?

Still, all this I could probably have put behind me, until I arrived at the Albert Dock complex itself. A feature for many years has been the permanently moored former Mersey pilot ship, *Edmund Gardner*, with its familiar black hull and white upper works.

During her almost 30 years of working life she was a vital part of the service where pilots were transferred to ships approaching the Mersey and guided them into and out of the docks. And in that time she was never, ever painted in a camouflage livery. She is now. And to put the tin lid on it, a strange tall structure has been added to the roof of her wheelhouse - no doubt containing some kind of electronic wizardry to amuse the kids.

Surely though one of the main reasons for having the *Edmund Gardner* at the dock at all is to show visitors what a Liverpool pilot ship really looked like? Now the camouflage paint job has really done its work, and broken up her lines so that she looks rather garish and like a poorly put-together model of a ship made of Lego!

On the bright side, no amount of rashly-applied paint managed to spoil what turned out to be a thoroughly convivial lunch. And I did have one lovely surprise too. Some years ago when I was down in Norfolk, I bought a book about the life, times and achievements of one Herbert Woods, who started a yard to hire boats to holidaymakers which still very much exists to this day.

Someone pinched it and I was genuinely upset, particularly when I found it is now almost impossible to replace.

However, one of my friends had located a copy and presented it to me. Day made, after all.

Arrest was wake-up call for 20-year-old caught drug-driving

By our **Court Reporter**

A YOUNG man told a court that he will not use cocaine again after finding himself in a police cell for drug-driving offences and possession of class A drugs.

Alan Rimmer, of Richmond Avenue, Burscough had aroused the suspicions of police when he appeared to "draw back" upon seeing them while driving a Vauxhall Astra in Bootle at 3.55pm on Tuesday, March 6.

When the 20-year-old appeared at Sefton Magistrates Court prosecutor Lynn Clark said that when he was subsequently questioned, officers believed he showed signs of drug use and cocaine was found in the car.

Blood test results showed that he had 57 micrograms per litre in relation to cocaine (the legal limit is 10mcg per litre) and 411 micrograms in relation to benzoylecgonine, the legal limit being 50mcg per litre.

Benzoylecgonine is produced in the body upon the breakdown of cocaine.

Solicitor Mark Ellis read to the court a letter that Rimmer, an apprentice joiner with no previous convictions, had written to say that he realised what he had done was wrong and that he could have put himself and others in danger. He explained he had taken the drugs the night before and had not known how long they can stay in your system.

He wrote: "I was shocked and upset and disappointed in myself. Being arrested and held in a cell is not an experience I wish to repeat. So I will not use cocaine again."

Mr Ellis said that Rimmer had not taken any drugs since and that it had been a "huge wake-up call".

The magistrates fined him £250, ordered that he pay costs and victim surcharge of £115 and banned him from driving for 12 months.

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Tarleton residents opposed to masterplan can learn from Burscough's experience

WITH reference to the article headed 'Parish council under fire over masterplan' (Champion, July 18) whilst it is unfortunate that Tarleton now finds itself in the position Burscough did in the current masterplan, the residents can at least learn a few things the easy way from their neighbouring village's experience.

Try and find some coping mechanisms for stress, because you won't win.

Burscough ran petitions, lobbied MPs and Parliament, fundraised for the fight against the council, lobbied the media weekly etc. and the development earmarked for Burscough was opposed by the majority of the local electorate.

However, the Tory-led (at the time) West Lancs Council ignored the opposition and implemented the proposed plan anyway, despite Labour's vociferous opposition.

There was a glimmer of hope when Labour gained control of WLBC, but this was promptly snuffed out when they too completely ignored residents' wishes and allowed the Yew Tree Farm development to commence with NO affordable housing element in the first phase.

Despite Councillor Gail Hodson being the latest to be photographed with angry residents opposed to horrific levels of village development, and her husband Councillor John Hodson being the portfolio holder for planning on WLBC, the subject of house building in copious quantities is an entirely political one and regardless of the political party in majority rest assured the end result will be the same.

Save yourselves a world of grief and just accept it.

Political watcher, by email (details supplied).

Village plan meeting was a *consultation* only

HAVING read the article in the Champion ('Parish council under fire for village masterplan', July 18) I am surprised that a Skelmersdale Councillor Gail Hodson is commenting on Tarleton issues.

I feel that I must make it clear that the masterplan was a consultation meeting only. The fact we facilitated the meeting does not mean we agree with all the contents of the masterplan. But we are pleased that potential developers are willing to consult residents.

The parish council facilitated a similar meeting held by Aldi and I know of no complaints.

The parish council's main concern is the heavy volume of traffic in the village but councillors cannot express opinions on the proposals as that would prevent them speaking at future planning meetings, as I was prevented speaking at the Altys development planning meeting.

Some commentators on Facebook have made offensive and inaccurate assertions. I wish to make it clear that parish councillors can only claim expenses in exceptional circumstances, such as travelling to training sessions, and do not claim allowances. Their duties are entirely voluntary and unpaid.

Malcolm Barron, county councillor & Tarleton parish councillor.

PICTURE of the week

Pleased to meet you. This dog and a young puppy took time out from their walk at the Green Fayre in Beacon Country Park to get to know each other. Picture by Martyn Snape.

More bins would help to encourage more dog owners to clean up after their pets

NORMALLY on a day-to-day basis I take my dogs up the Beacon for their daily walk but lately I have been going down to the Tawd valley to let them paddle in this warm weather.

I know dog owners get a bad name for not cleaning up after their pets - and rightly so - but I cannot believe that there is not one dog bin in use down on the Tawd! Two have been vandalised, and that is no fault of the council, but there's not been a bin there for nearly two months.

I would like to know how we are supposed to be responsible dog owners when there are no bins to put the mess in.

M. Maddocks, by email.

Skem 'super' hospital a practical solution

AFTER reading the article about the new hospital proposal (Champion, July 18) I agree with County Councillor John Fillis that this is a smoke screen for more cuts.

He is to be congratulated on bringing this subject to the public's attention. This is a subject that should not be brushed under the carpet. Myself and other residents are very concerned.

A new 'super' hospital at Skelmersdale would be the most practical solution.

A.S., Aughton.

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Still a lot of questions to be answered about the council's 'focus' company

READERS may remember that I tried to get some information from Councillor Moran about a company which West Lancs Council has set up.

Since the leader of the council didn't answer, I asked for full details under the Freedom of Information Act. I have now received an answer.

The company (which has not yet been named) has received a substantial grant of £785,000 from the Government. Its aims are to make a profit through 'agile' activities over an unspecified period.

It will provide a 'focus' to build new houses and commercial premises, but what does a 'focus' do, I'd like to know?

No sites have yet been chosen. The council will appoint its own officers to run the company, which would bear any losses.

All this seems very vague to me. Has the council agreed to this pie-in-the-sky project?

Will the council release full information regularly and openly?

When will we see any results?

Has the council got any officials who are capable of running a company?

Is there any limit to the amount the company could lose?

Will the company buy land for these projects and, if so, where?

I hope that this scheme will be successful and that the borough will benefit.

Only time will tell.

Maurice George, by email.

Time to pay tribute to all our wonderful schools staff and pupils

AS another school year comes to an end it is appropriate that tribute is paid to the many hundreds of teachers, assistant teachers, other staff and, of course, not forgetting the pupils who make the schools of Skelmersdale such wonderful seats of learning.

In particular I feel I must single out Trinity Primary School as my children and grandchildren have been attending since my eldest child started in 1976 and in fact when my youngest grandchild leaves in 2025 my family will have seen nearly 50 years of unbroken Trinity 'service'.

I went to see my granddaughter's leaving assembly/service recently in St Paul's and I can tell you there wasn't a dry eye in the church (including mine!) after seeing the wonderful spectacle that all of the Trinity pupils, not just the leavers, put on.

The staff at Trinity are certainly a great team and leading any great team is an even better captain which the head, Mr Kershaw, most assuredly is, as Mr Bain was for years before him.

Good luck to not only Trinity leavers but indeed all primary school leavers in Skelmersdale as you make your way in life and continue your journey to academic and citizenship greatness in the town's high schools.

Peter Etherington, Uppingham, Skelmersdale.

Vice-chairman of Mawdesley Cricket Club, Martin Trengove, receives the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service from Lord Shuttleworth with fellow club committee members looking on,

Owzat? Village cricket club wins royal award

MAWDESLEY Cricket Club has received the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service.

The club was presented with the honour by Lord Shuttleworth, the Lord-Lieutenant of Lancashire at a ceremony at County Hall, Preston.

Created in 2002 to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Queen's coronation, the award recognises excellence in voluntary activities carried out by groups in the community and it's regarded as the MBE for volunteer groups.

The cricket club was recommended for the honour by the independent Assessment Committee, chaired by Sir Martyn Lewis CBE, and reflects its achievements over recent years in promoting and providing cricket opportunities to a diverse audience.

These include junior players through the club's work with local schools; women through its newly-created women's section who now compete successfully in soft ball tournaments; and those with disabilities with the weekly programme run in conjunction with Galloways Society for the Blind for those with visual impairment.

For the interest of the wider community, the club also holds its popular classic car show and hosts the annual Ecumenical Walking Day Tea Party at its Rectory Field ground in the village.

In addition, this year the club will support a number of local and national charities, including the National Society for Phenylketonuria (NSPKU) and a Dentaid project in South Africa.

Club chairman, Paul Steadman, said: "We are very honoured to have received this award which reflects the progress we have made as a club over recent years in becoming a real force for good in our community, and we are delighted that the Queen's Award Panel in Lancashire thought so as well in recommending us for this award.

"We are so lucky to have such a dedicated and dependable volunteer team of over 30 people who work tirelessly in tasks ranging from looking after our playing facilities to organising and supporting all the events we run, and this award would not have been possible without their efforts".

The club will be holding a volunteer celebration morning on Saturday, August 18 at their pavilion to which all its volunteers will be invited to share in the success of the Queen's Award.

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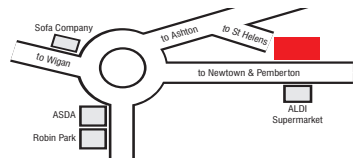

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Paramedics to stage weekly strikes over long-running pay row

Report by **Tom Martin**

Paramedics in the GMB union will stage strike action.

PARAMEDICS from the North West Ambulance Service say they will stage a strike 'every week' until a resolution is found to their long-running pay dispute.

The action will involve members of the GMB union which represents more than a quarter of NWAS paramedics, who say the strikes, which started last Saturday (July 28), will continue to take place every week-end 'until at least October'.

The walk-outs will last 26 hours from 6am on Saturdays to 8am on Sundays.

Paramedics who are not members of the GMB union and emergency medical technicians will work as normal, but there are expected to be some delays in reaching patients.

The GMB say the strikes will continue until NWAS shows "a genuine commitment" to finding a resolution to their long-running pay dispute.

Ambulance staff from across the region are taking part in the action which will cover Lancashire, Cumbria, Cheshire, Merseyside and Greater Manchester.

GMB organiser, Mike Buoey, said: "This is the last situation our paramedics wanted to find themselves in, but they are desperate for management to listen to their side of the story. They've been waiting a long time for their job to be re-evaluated for the years between 2005 to 2016.

"NWAS currently has an acting CEO and GMB believes he is ignoring this issue in the hope it will go away. We need to speak to someone with authority who shares our interest in resolving this matter.

"After more than 13 years, our members are now saying enough is enough."

NWAS paramedics have already staged four strikes in recent weeks after a ballot of members saw more than 84% of those who responded vote for strike action.

The union said it had asked for an external body to conduct the job evaluation - which NWAS refused - and an independent review into why the evaluation had taken so long.

NWAS said it was "extremely disappointed" but plans were in place to minimise impact on patients.

Interim director of organisational development for NWAS, Lisa Ward, said: "We are moving forward with a meeting which our other two unions, Unison and Unite, have agreed to attend, but are frustrated at GMB's unwillingness to accept our invitation and engage with us.

"The invitation to join the trust, our other trade unions and the National Job Evaluation Group, remains open to the GMB."

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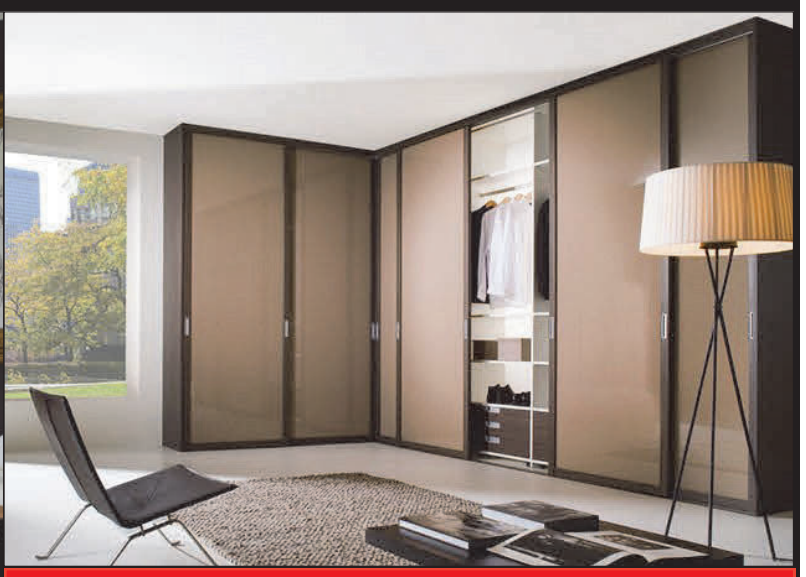

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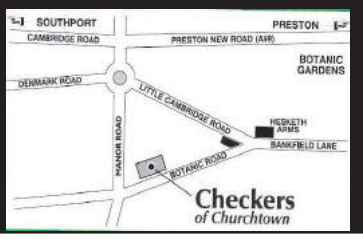

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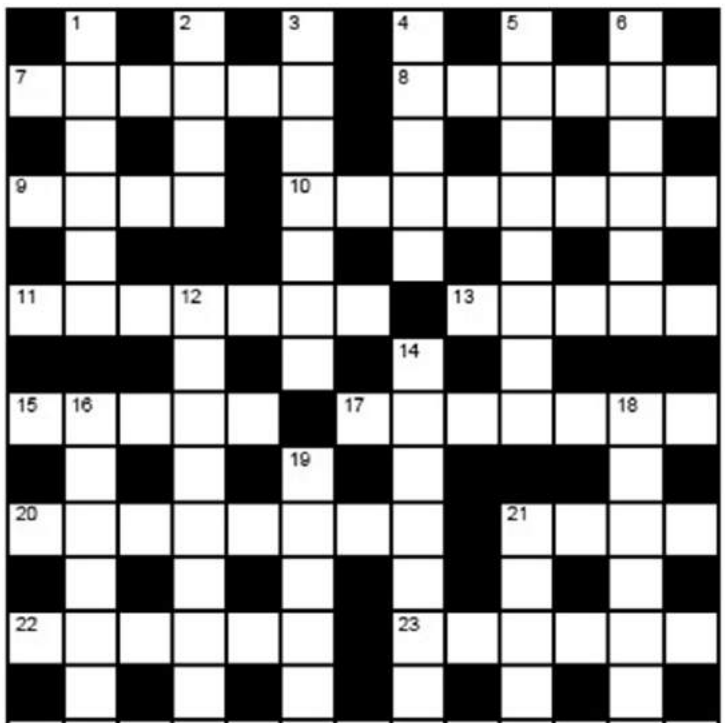

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7. Firstborn (6)
8. Exclamation of joy or approval (6)
9. Gentle, mild-mannered (4)
10. German motorway (8)
11. Tube fitted with a hollow needle for injecting or withdrawing fluids (7)
13. Heavy, black or dark brown timber from a mainly tropical tree (5)
15. Roughly-trimmed tree trunk thrown in a Scottish Highland sport (5)
17. A collection of weapons or a Premier League team (7)
20. Channel (sluice) conducting water to or from a water wheel (4, 4)
21. The wise men from the East who brought gifts to baby Jesus (4)
22. Jail (6)
23. Become or make larger (6)

DOWN

1. Feeling drowsy (6)
2. Plant related to the onion used as a Welsh national emblem (4)
3. Unfamiliar or unusual (7)
4. Image produced with a camera, snap (5)
5. Likely to happen (8)
6. Take advantage of or exploit a situation (4, 2)
12. Impractical or unrealistic person (8)
14. Plant that grows along the ground, around another plant, or up a wall (7)
16. Place where bees are kept (6)
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Vaccination alert after measles outbreak

WEST Lancs residents are being urged to ensure children and young adults are vaccinated after a measles outbreak in neighbouring Merseyside.

They are being asked to check in particular that they have been administered two doses of the MMR vaccine after confirmation that the disease is circulating in the region.

Public Health England is working with local authorities and the NHS to make sure anyone in the Merseyside area who is not protected by the MMR vaccine is aware of its importance, after 22 cases of measles broke out on the Wirral. None of the individuals affected had received the MMR vaccine.

Measles symptoms include a high fever; sore, red, watery eyes; coughing; aching and feeling generally unwell; and a blotchy, red-brown rash, which usually appears after the initial symptoms.

Health experts say further cases are expected as there are a significant numbers of unprotected teenagers and young adults who could catch measles at summer festivals and when they travel abroad for the summer holidays.

Measles symptoms include a distinctive rash

Measles is a highly infectious viral illness that can be very unpleasant and sometimes lead to serious complications. It is possible for anyone at any age to get measles if they are not protected by receiving the MMR vaccine.

GP surgeries are also offering the MMR vaccinations for children and young people of all ages.

Dr Janey Kenyon, consultant at Public Health England North West, said: "Measles can be a very serious illness and lead to severe complications, especially in people who are particularly vulnerable or have other health conditions.

"The free MMR vaccine is a safe and effective way of protecting against measles, as well as mumps and rubella.

"It's particularly important for parents to take up the offer of MMR vaccination for their children when offered at one year of age and as a pre-school booster at three years, four months of age.

"If children and young adults have missed these vaccinations in the past, it's important to take up the vaccine now from GPs.

" Most adults born before 1970 will have developed some immunity to measles so are less at risk but can still receive the vaccine."

Euston has a problem . . . station shut for three weekends, warning

RAIL users are being urged to avoid travelling to London's Euston station over three weekends this summer.

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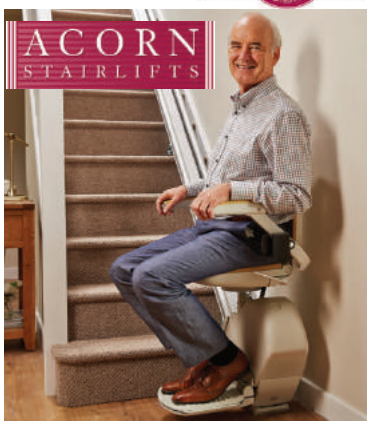

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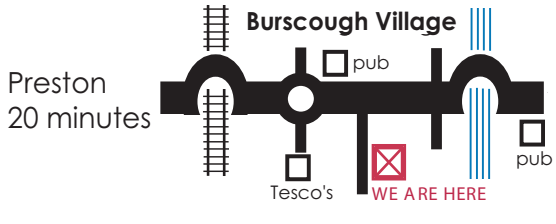

Baby scan company director shortlisted for regional award

A DIRECTOR of a West Lancs-based baby scanning business has been named as a finalist in the New Business category of the regional Enterprise Vision Awards.

Amanda Stewart, from Tarleton, teamed up with two fellow NHS-qualified sonographer friends, Julie Mitchell from Burscough and Alison Higham from Ormskirk, to open My Baby Scan at Burscough Wharf.

The business is registered with the Care Quality Commission and provides antenatal ultrasound scanning from six weeks of pregnancy to full term.

Amanda said: "We wanted to provide high-quality ultrasound scanning in a relaxed environment for ladies and their families to enjoy. The scans are not to replace the normal NHS scans, but to enhance the pregnancy experience.

"Besides the very popular reassurance scans, we also provide gender scans and 4D scans which give a glimpse into the fascinating unborn babies world."

The Enterprise Vision Awards aim to promote female enterprise and recognise women in business from across the North West

The awards ceremony will be held in Blackpool in September following a public vote which opens on Monday, August 20.

Mums invited to 'latch on' to breastfeeding support events

TWO events will be running in West Lancashire as part of the Global Big Latch On campaign which aims to protect, promote and support breastfeeding families.

The Global Big Latch On takes place annually over three days during World Breastfeeding Week (August 1 to 7).

Events in the borough will be held on Friday, August 3 at the Hesketh Bank Christian Centre, Moss Lane (9.30 to 11.30am) and at the Park Children's Centre, Barnes Road, Skelmersdale (9.45am to 12.30pm).

Local businesses will attend the Hesketh Bank event, where mums can enjoy discounts and win prizes.

Staff from Families and Babies Breastfeeding support (FAB), plus midwives and health visitors, will all be on hand to offer advice and help to any mums with breastfeeding questions or queries.

Lesley Fawcett, infant feeding co-ordinator at Ormskirk Hospital, explained: "It is all part of making breastfeeding a normal part of day-to-day life and helping to promote it throughout our communities.

Events are running in West Lancashire to support breastfeeding mums

"We hope lots of people come along to get involved. Last year we had more than 100 mums at just one event. This year we have two events, so we are looking forward to seeing even more mums and beautiful babies join us to latch on!"

Anyone wishing to find out more about the support provided by FAB in West Lancashire for breastfeeding families can call the helpline on 01254 772 929. Alternatively they can visit www.familiesandbabies.org.uk.

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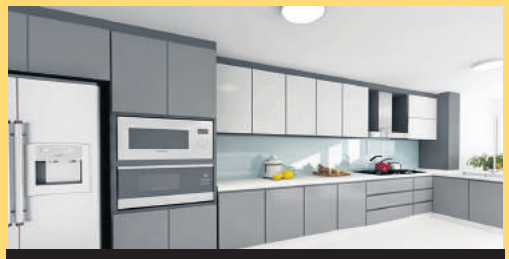

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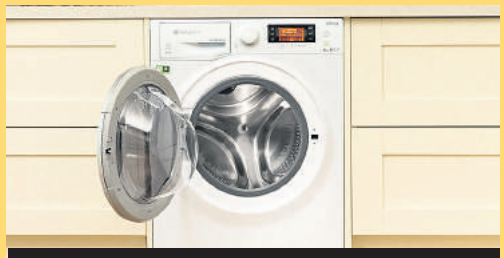

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University wins seventh Green Flag award

EDGE Hill University's Ormskirk campus has been recognised as one of the world's best green spaces for the seventh year in a row.

The university was presented with the Green Flag award, which recognises and rewards well-managed parks and green spaces and sets the benchmark for the management of recreational outdoor spaces across the UK and around the world.

This international award, now into its third decade, is described as 'a sign to the public that the space boasts the highest possible environmental standards, beautifully maintained open spaces and excellent visitor facilities'.

Dedication

Edge Hill's grounds manager, Neil Toner, said: "We are absolutely delighted to receive a Green Flag Award for the seventh time. We know how much quality green spaces matter to residents and visitors.

"This award celebrates the dedication that goes into maintaining Edge Hill University to such a high standard. I'd like to thank everyone involved - from the team who maintain the grounds to all the members of staff who contribute by picking litter up as they go about their day."

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Red-breasted geese goslings hatch at Martin Mere

Three Red-breasted geese goslings have hatched at WWT Martin Mere Wetland Centre. It has been 15 years since the centre last bred this species successfully.

Martin Mere has had a very successful breeding season – in fact one of the best we have had, culminating in the hatching of three Red-breasted geese goslings. You'll be able to see the whole family in a safe and secure enclosure next to our duckery, on the way to the Ron Barker hide.

This strikingly-coloured goose breeds in Arctic Russia and winters around the Black Sea, especially in Bulgaria, Romania and Ukraine. At the end of the last century, there were around 90,000 birds but numbers crashed by around half over the next few years and the species was classed as Endangered on the IUCN Red List.

WWT has long been involved with Red-breast conservation. We led the development of an International Action Plan, bringing together experts to identify threats to the species and devise conservation solutions. Since 2010, WWT has been heavily involved in 'Safe Ground for Redbreasts', an EU-funded 3-million project in Bulgaria to address the major threats to the species on their wintering grounds.

WWT Martin Mere Wetland Centre is open every day (except Christmas Day) from 9.30am to 6pm and parking is free of charge. Situated off the A59, it is signposted from the M61, M58 and M6. The Centre is also accessible via the Southport to Manchester and the Liverpool to Preston line by train from Burscough Rail Stations. Visit the web site http://www.wwt.org.uk/martinmere/ to find out what's on all year round at Martin Mere and the other eight WWT Wetland Centres.

Visit the web site www.wwt.org.uk/martinmere to find out what's on the reserve at the moment as well as all the upcoming events

Masons conjure up a healthy treat for primary pupils

PRIMARY schools pupils enjoyed an end-of-term 'Magic Breakfast' with visitors from West Lancashire Freemasons, who have given £28,402 to fund healthy breakfast provision at six schools in the North West.

With at least half a million children in the UK believed to start their school day too hungry to learn, the Magic Breakfast project provides nutritious breakfast food and expert support to more than 470 schools in disadvantaged areas of the UK, including 78 in the North West, to ensure that hunger in these schools is not a barrier to education.

Members of the West Lancs Freemasons went along to Whitefield Primary School in Everton where they enjoyed delicious 'magic' bagels and a chat with children who told them how they love seeing their friends at breakfast club and how eating a healthy breakfast helps them to concentrate in their morning lessons and gives them the energy they need until lunchtime.

The grant from West Lancashire Freemasons comes through the Masonic Charitable Foundation, which is funded by Freemasons, their families and friends, from across England and Wales.

Alex Cunningham, chief executive of Magic Breakfast, said: "A big thank-you to West Lancashire Freemasons for their very generous grant of £28,402.

Priceless

"This will make a significant and positive difference to the lives of more than 400 children in the region who will start their school day with a healthy breakfast inside them and the educational advantage that comes with being settled and focused in class".

Derek Parkinson, from West Lancashire Freemasons, said: "I'm very pleased we were able to help Magic Breakfast.

"Education is a priceless opportunity for children, giving them the tools they need to succeed in life. Magic Breakfast helps them to take full advantage of it."

● Right: Derek Parkinson of West Lancashire Freemasons joins youngsters at Whitefield Primary School's Magic Breakfast club.

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Labour hold ward - just!

LABOUR held on to Knowsley ward in the West Lancs Borough Council by-election held following Michelle Aldridge's decision to stand down just six weeks after winning the seat in May - but with a much-reduced majority.

Gareth Dowling, who previously won the seat in 2014, was returned as councillor with 641 votes, just 74 ahead of Our West Lancashire's candidate, Kate Mitchell with 567. The Conservatives' Jeffrey Vernon came third with 364 votes.

This compared with May's poll when Michelle Aldridge had 1,014 votes, the Conservatives 673 and OWL 306.

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Drug-driver was nearly nine times over limit

By our **Court Reporter**

A COURT has heard how a man from Aughton drove his car after smoking 10 cannabis spliffs and was smoking another in the vehicle when he drew the attention of a police patrol unit!

Sefton Magistrates Court heard that 25-year-old Daniel Mooney, of Whalley Drive, was nearly nine times over the legal limit for the drug.

Lynn Clark, prosecuting, told the court that Mooney was the driver of a Seat Leon which was stopped at around 7.15pm on Tuesday, April 3 after a police officer travelling behind could smell cannabis emanating from the car.

"As the officer goes to speak to him there is an overwhelming aroma coming from the defendant and the vehicle."

When told he was going to be searched, he initially refused to get out of the car but did so shortly afterwards and four tubs containing cannabis were recovered from the vehicle.

A road-side drugs test proved positive and Mooney was arrested. Subsequent tests showed he was driving with 17.5 micrograms per litre of delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol (the active ingredient of cannabis) in his blood. The legal limit is 2mcg/l.

During an interview, Miss Clark told the court that Mooney made full and frank admissions. He admitted being the driver of the car and to smoking a joint which he threw away when pulled over. He said he had been smoking throughout the day and had smoked about 10 spliffs.

Solicitor Mark Ellis said that Mooney had developed a dependency on cannabis and that his family were very supportive in trying to help get him off it.

"He was weaned onto the drug by a so-called friend. His family are all here in court and they are all desperately keen for him to get off drugs completely."

The magistrates fined him £80 and banned him from driving for 15 months.

Pet crematorium given go-ahead despite concerns

Report by **Kenny Parker**

WEST Lancs Council's planning committee has granted permission for a pet crematorium in Aughton.

The plan, which was opposed by residents concerned about odour and loss of property value among other things, will involve the conversion of Lime Tree Barn on Winifred Lane, which is in green belt and the Granville Park Conservation Area

A decision on the application was to be delegated to the director of development and regeneration, John Harrison.

However, Aughton and Downholland borough councillor David O' Toole requested it be referred back to the committee to consider the impact on surrounding residents.

Mr Harrison's report to the committee said that the proposed development is acceptable in principle and in compliance with the West Lancashire Local Plan.

It read: "The proposal is considered to be appropriate to the location and will not have a significant impact on the character or appearance of the surrounding area or on the amenity of neighbouring properties.

Objections

"Suitable planning conditions will be added to any approval to ensure landscape and highway works are carried out appropriately."

The planning permission was sought by Sandra Fitzgerald, of the same address as that of proposed site. Along with the barn conversion the proposal is to site a 1,000-litre fuel tank.

The plans state that a maximum of 20 vehicles per day will be entering and leaving the site.

Aughton Parish Council had not raised any objections.

However, West Lancashire Conservation Areas Advisory Panel had recommended the plan be refused on the grounds it would industrialise the site and harm the residential character of the Granville Park Conservation Area.

Objections were received from 19 local residents, on numerous grounds.

These included disturbance; loss of privacy; noise; emissions; odour; increase in traffic; impact on the value of property; impact on drainage/sewerage/flooding; impact on wildlife; and health risk

The council also received three letters of support, however, welcoming a new business to the area.

Youngsters at last year's festival with mascot Mr Parbulele.

Parbulele festival returns

THE Parbulele Ukulele Festival returns to Parbold for a third year with events running from Friday to Sunday, August 3 to 5.

Following on from the success of previous festivals, it is expected that about 2,000 people will attend with events taking place at venues across the village.

This year will see the addition of a funfair, sited at the canal side opposite the windmill, and there will also be a pirate boat appearing for the first time.

There will also be 12 workshops run by professional artists to teach beginners how to play the ukulele and help those with more experience who want to improve. These will be held at the village hall, women's institute, and cafe Coffee Etc.

On both Saturday and Sunday from 11am to 5pm there will be 12 local ukulele bands playing in the beer gardens of the Railway Hotel, Windmill, Stocks Tavern, and Coffee Etc.

Meanwhile, on the main stage at the specially-constructed Music Village at the side of the canal there will be open mic performers on both days.

As well as refreshments on sale, there will be various trade stands selling a range of items including ukuleles and local craft items. There will also be a beer tent selling Mrs Parbulele, specially produced for the festival by The Problem Child Brewery at the Wayfarer.

Last year's festival mascot, Mr Parbulele, is also expected to make another appearance alongside this year's mascot, Mrs Parbulele, designed by Rose Jackson from Our Lady and All Saints RC Primary School.

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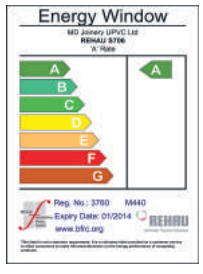

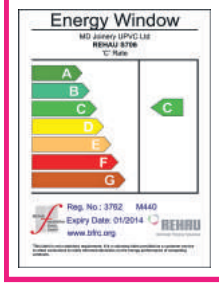

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Keep the Home Fires Burning is a roaring success!

Keep the Home Fires Burning
Opera Viva
St Mary's College
Review by Ron Ellis

AFTER their highly successful 'Roaring Twenties' concert last year, Opera Viva have gone back a few years to present a selection of songs from the First World War and what a tremendous variety of music there was.

Music hall songs such as 'The Boy I Love is up in the Balcony' (sung by Kerry Firth) and 'Mademoiselle from Armentieres' (Blandine Pluck); classic love songs like 'Waltz of my Heart' (Isobel Jenkins) and 'Love Will Find a Way' (Pam Ashcroft); War songs – 'Keep the Home Fires Burning and Pack Up Your Troubles' sung by the Company; and a rousing finale by the whole room to 'Jerusalem' and 'Land of Hope and Glory'.

Peter McColgan read Wilfred Owen's 'Dulce et Decorum Est' with impressive dignity, a poem which told the agonising truth about life in the trenches and brought the odd tear amongst the audience.

The cast of Keep the Home Fires Burning. Picture by Ellen Campbell

All the cast were dressed in an array of splendid costumes. The hall was set out with a fine display of mounted poppies and recruitment posters from The Great War, all with the aid of the Royal British Legion and the History Dept. of St. Mary's College.

Artistic Director was Viv Sharp, Musical Director was Isobel Jenkins and Robert Chesters provided Piano Accompaniment for what was a most enjoyable evening.

The next Opera Viva event is 'Puccini and Pasta', is on Saturday, October 20 at St Mary's College, a concert of Puccini's music with an Italian Supper.

Star Rating: 8 out of 10 - a most enjoyable evening

Legendery Port goalkeeper to feature on radio talk show

ONE of Southport Football club's legendary figures, long serving Gordon Hunt, will be featured by broadcaster John Keith in his *A to Z of Merseyside Football* show on Radio City Talk.

Hunt served the Haig Avenue club for a remarkable 53 years, all of them when Southport were members of the Football League.

He rose from a position as a junior clerk, when he joined the club from school in 1923, to become the youngest secretary in the league at the age of 28 and then secretary-manager, a role he filled for 21 years from 1937.

John Keith's show goes out on City Talk 105.9 FM and DAB on Thursday morning, August 2 at 9.40am.

Ray Marshall on his 61st birthday

Popular musician passes away

ONE of Southport's best-known musicians from the 1960s, Ray Marshall, has died after a long illness.

Born William Ray Marshall, son of a well-known Southport turf accountant, he was known to his fellow musicians as 'Chuck' because of his admiration for Chuck Berry.

Ray was just 14 when he started his musical career, joining local group, The Toledos and, later, Little Gene and The Outlaws.

On leaving Meols Cop school, he entered the building industry but, ever the entrepreneur, he also started a part-time window cleaning round and set up a seafood business before turning professional with Tony Carlton's Mersey Boys with whom he toured all over the UK and Germany.

He joined Liverpool's group, The Big Three, after they left Brian Epstein's management, before settling down to a residency with George Oliver's house band at The Riverside, Banks.

Ray leaves one son, Wayne, who lives in Southport.

The funeral service is at Southport Crematorium at 12.40pm on Thursday, August 9 with a get together after the service at the George Hotel in Cemetery Road.

Folk in the Park to return this weekend

FOLK in the Park returns for the seventh year on Sunday, August 5 on the green at Hesketh Park, Southport.

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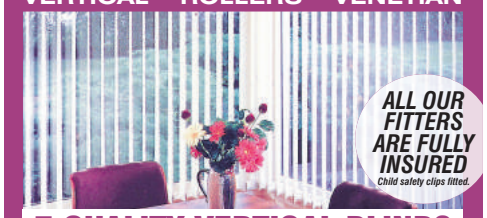

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DINING TABLE and six chairs, teak colour, excellent condition £100 01695 423471

BISTRO TABLE glass topped, brown, round, 2ft wide £7 only 01695 580456

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MINI OVEN & Grill, hardly used, new condition £15 0151 5263206

DINING TABLE Teak coloured & six chairs in ex cond. £100 01695 423471

CEILING FAN 40" diameter tiffany shade excellent condition £20 brown 07502 190753

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NEW COOKER Black 4 rings on top £120. New shower plus 2 walls base £80 0151 2846102

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COFFEE TABLE Black glass oval coffee table with matching tv unit both in fabulous condition £15 each 01512081761

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WALL CABINET for kitchen, with two wood-effect shelves one white door , 104cm wide x 60cm high, very good condition £15 01695424797

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DINING TABLE With 6 chairs high polish walnut effect looks great pictures supplied £150 no offers as good as new 07767790187

PRINT ON canvas. Mid blue & aqua green. Abstract water. H&W50cm. D3cm. Very good condition. £5. 01704808024/07763000776

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DINING TABLE Large with extending leave & six chairs, light oak effect plus 6 chairs. Excellent condition, not veneers £90ono 01704 840697

STOMPA CASA 4 High sleeper, pine wood, cushions red slightly faded, pullout desk & storage excellent used condition, can deliver locally £250 07534 825971

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APPLICATION(S) FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

2018/0528/FUL Erection of warehouse, retrospective consent for retention of store for a limited period, car park extension, excavation and erection of retaining walls, and surfacing of access and hard standing at Northern Diver Ltd, Northern Divers Building East Quarry, Appley Lane North, Appley Bridge.

2018/0656/FUL Demolition of existing single and two storey extension to rear of dwelling and garage, and alteration and extension to dwelling to create two dwellings and alteration and extension to outbuilding to create a single dwelling at 7 Church Road, Rufford.
The application affects a Conservation Area.
This does not (or may not) accord with the development plan.

2018/0673/FUL Extension of existing stable to use as a cattery at 40A Pimbo Lane, Up Holland.
This does not (or may not) accord with the development plan.

2018/0758/COU Change of use from A1 to A3. Also, to provide an external seating area on the street in front of the shop at 20 Burscough Street, Ormskirk.
The application affects a Conservation Area.

The applications are available for viewing on the Council's website www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning. Alternatively, the application can be viewed during normal office hours at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk and at 1st Floor, The Concourse, Skelmersdale. If you wish to comment on the proposal you can do so via the Council's web site, by e.mail to plan.apps@westlancs.gov.uk or in writing to Development and Regeneration Services, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, but these must be received within 21 days of the date of this notice quoting the application number.

Applications for Minor Commercial and Householder Development
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DELVES ANN

29th July

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From Bill,
John, Dave, Sharon,
Caroline and
Christopher
xxxxxx

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

BROOKES JOYCE

David and family are overwhelmed at the number of cards and messages of sympathy that the family have received in the past weeks. David and family very much appreciate the help and support we've had over the past few months, particularly this month when Joyce began to feel more and more unwell – the gifts of food and flowers, visits to sit with Joyce and talk to David – all very much appreciated.

Diane and the other District Nurses from Tarleton Group Practice – we couldn't have managed without them or Wendy Williams of Queenscourt Hospice and her team and also the Night Sitters who came to give David and family a break – all fantastic people!
We would also like to thank Father David from Holy Trinity Church.

Also, a huge thank you to Dave and Claire of Newland and Wilkinson Independent Funeral Directors of Hesketh Lane, Tarleton. They've both been so attentive, listening to David and the family's requirements and advising at this particularly difficult time. David and family hope it is a long time before any of you find yourselves attending a funeral of your family but when you do, there is only one Funeral Directors you should go to.

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DEAN PURCELL

10th July 2018

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xxxx

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HELEN RIDING

Remembrance

25th July 2013

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we do it every day.
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heartache, that never
goes away
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Dad, Mark Kerry &
Family, & Fred

BOLTON NORMA GRETA (NEE HESKETH)

6th August 2017

'My beautiful blue eyes'

May the winds of love
blow softly,
And whisper so
you'll hear,
We will always love
and miss you,
And wish that you
were here.

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DEATHS

LAMBERT (NEE'BURNS) SYLVIA

Passed away peacefully in the early hours

25th July 2018

Beloved of George, family and friends. Service at West Lancashire Crematorium Burscough, Thursday 2nd August 2018 at 3:15 pm

SMITH TED

21st July 2018

aged 69 years

Beloved Husband of Mary. Dear Dad of Eddy and Matthew. Dear Stepdad and Grandad. Missed by all the family. Funeral Service will be held on Wednesday 1st August, 12 noon at St. Helens Crematorium. Enquiries to Devonports Funeral Services Tel: 01695 731199

NOONAN MARJORIE PATRICIA

18th July 2018

aged 81 years

Beloved Wife of Frank. Dear Mother of Christine and Carl and a dear Grandmother. Missed by all the family. Funeral service will be held at St.Helens Crematorium on Monday 6th August at 9.30am. Enquiries to Devonport Funeral Services Tel: 01695 731199

DEATHS

WILSON MAY

July 15th 2018

Aged 85 years

Devoted Wife of Stan (deceased), Mother of Keith and Judith. Longtime member of Crosby Gilbert and Sullivan Operatic Society and Crosby CHA Rambling Club. Passed away on July 15th 2018. Funeral Service on Wednesday 8th August, 1pm, at St James Church, Lulworth Road, Southport, PR8 2BQ, followed by committal at Southport Crematorium at 2.40pm. Family flowers only please but if desired any donations to 'Cancer Research UK'. All Enquiries c/o FJ Gibb Funeral Directors 6A Clarence Road Southport PR8 4BH.

ABBERLEY CHARLES DEREK

13th July 2018

Aged 88 Years

Passed away peacefully. Much loved Husband of Anne and a dear Dad, Grandad, Great Grandad and Father in law. Funeral service at Southport Crematorium on Tuesday 14th August at 1:20pm. Family flowers only please, but if desired donations are being gratefully received for Queenscourt Hospice. Donations and enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roe Lane, Southport, PR9 9DR. Telephone: 01704 500086.

ARMSTRONG FRANZ

15th July 2018

Aged 60 years

Died unexpectedly and peacefully at Southport Hospital. Beloved Son of the late Colin and Mia, devoted Brother of Marion and the late Colin his twin. Loving Uncle of Koko Hari. Franz will be greatly missed by all his family and many friends at home and abroad. Service at Southport Crematorium on Wednesday 8th August at 12:40pm. Family flowers only please, but if desired donations are being gratefully received for British Red Cross. Donations and enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roe Lane, Southport, PR9 9DR. Telephone: 01704 500086.

DEATHS

MARSHALL RAY

25th July 2018

Aged 72 years

Died peacefully. Father of Wayne. Ray will be greatly missed by all his family and friends. Service at Southport Crematorium on Thursday 9th August at 12:40pm. No flowers by request, but if desired donations are being gratefully received for Macmillan Cancer Support. Donations and enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roe Lane, Southport, PR9 9DR. Telephone: 01704 500086

CLIFFE ALBERT EDWARD

On 24th July 2018

In Hospital

Aged 89 years

Beloved Husband of Nessie, loving Dad of Karen, Father in law of Gordon and much loved Granddad of Andrew and Abby. Funeral service will take place at Southport Crematorium on Friday 6th August at 2:00pm. Family flowers only by request, donations if so desired for The British Lung Foundation. Donations and further enquiries please to M. Rushton Funeral Directors, 100 Marshside Road, Southport, PR9 9TG. Tel: 01704 214118.

ASHTON JOHN (JACK)

Of Ormskirk

Passed away

23rd July 2018

aged 93 years

after a short illness, cared for at home

Will be sadly missed by family, neighbours and friends. Funeral service at West Lancs Crematorium on Friday 3rd August at 10am. Family flowers only but if desired, donations to Queenscourt Hospice, Southport.
All enquiries to Hunters of Ormskirk, 128b Burscough St, Ormskirk L39 2EY Tel:01695 572997

DEATHS

JOHNSON RONALD PAUL (RONNIE)

27th July 2018

Ronnie
My Loving Husband.
My heart is broken
that we had to part,
your time had come
- we had to say
goodbye.
It was a pleasure to
have known you and
have you by my side.
So Goodnight
Godbless, love you
always until we
meet again.
Your loving Wife
Josie.
Xx

Ronnie, thank you for being our Stepdad. We had loads of fun with you and we will always cherish our memories.
Love you always.
Your Step Children
Billy, Mark, Hannah
and James
xxxx

Step Father in law to Sam, Chris and Kirsty.
Xxx

Goodnight, God bless Grandad, from all your Grandchildren.
We love you
xxxxxxxx

JOHNSON RONALD PAUL (RONNIE)

27th July 2018

Peacefully at his home in Skelmersdale

aged 69 years

The dearly loved Husband of Josie, loving Dad of Sonia, Ronnie and Yvette, Step Dad to Billy, Mark, Hannah and James and devoted Grandad to all his grandchildren. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him.
Funeral service at West Lancashire Crematorium, Burscough on Tuesday 7th August 2018 at 10:45am.
All enquiries to Melanie Hardman, H. Hardman & Co. Independent Family Funeral Directors of Skelmersdale, Ormskirk & Scarisbrick Tel: 01695 722122/720012

DEATHS

MACMASTER RONALD (RONNIE)

21st July 2018

Peacefully at home

aged 80 years

Loving Husband of Pat, cherished Brother of Dian and Brother in Law Dave and much loved Uncle of his many Nieces and Nephews. Will be sadly missed by all his family and friends. Funeral service will take place at St. Helens Crematorium on Friday 3rd August at 1.30pm. Family flowers only please by request. Donations if desired for British Heart Foundation. All enquiries to Margaret Whitelam Skelmersdale Funeral Service 29/31 Sandy Lane Tel:01695 559868

SYKES BERYL

19th July 2018

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"Guardian angel from heaven so bright, watching beside me to lead me aright, fold thy wings round me, and guard me with love, softly sing songs to me of heaven above. Amen"
Requiem mass at St Anne's RC Church, Ormskirk on Friday 10th August 2018 at 12:30pm followed by cremation at West Lancashire Crematorium, Burscough at 1:45pm.
All enquiries to Melanie Hardman H Hardman & Co, Independent Family Funeral Directors of Ormskirk, Skelmersdale & Scarisbrick. Tel: 01695 722122/720012

DEATHS

HUYTON MARGARET

25th July 2018.

Passed away peacefully in Hospital

aged 89 years

Reunited with Husband John
Much loved Mum of John, Shona, Linda, Pete, Keith & Elaine and wonderful Nanna to all her Grandchildren. With Special thanks to everybody at Hillcroft Care Home Aughton & Ward 9B at Southport Hospital.
Funeral service at Southport Crematorium on Friday 3rd August 2018 at 10.40 am
Family flowers only please by request but donations are being gratefully received for Alderhey Hospital.
Donations and further enquires please to Lisa Hunter MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 20, Moss Delph Lane, Aughton
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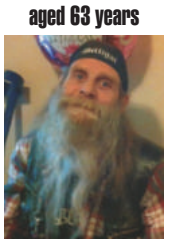
FRANCE SQUIRREL "SQUIZ"

Sadly passed away

12th July 2018

aged 63 years



A full life of character with stories to tell of a life well lived and full of love. He leaves behind his loving partner Jan, a brother and 3 sisters. Funeral Service will be held at St. Helens Crematorium at 3.30pm on Tuesday 7th August.

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Ride free, my Squiz"

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(Make Request).

There are none that can withstand your powers. Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (3 Times).

Sweet Mother, I place this cause in your hands (3 times).

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J.P.

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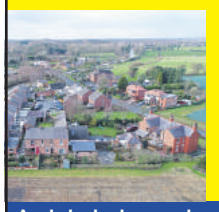

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Deposit Allowance	£3,400.00
Minimum Part Ex	£500.00
Amount of Credit	£15,157.08
47 Monthly Payments	£229.00
Optional Final Payment	£6,033.00
Interest Charges	£1,638.92
Annual Mileage	5,000
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APR Representative	3.9%

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Cash Price	£14,600.00
Customer Deposit	£199.00
Deposit Allowance	£1,000.00
Minimum Part Ex	£500.00
Amount of Credit	£12,601.00
47 Monthly Payments	£198.00
Optional Final Payment	£4,553.00
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Amount of Credit	£16,250.17
47 Monthly Payments	£239.00
Optional Final Payment	£6,749.00
Interest Charges	£1,777.89
Annual Mileage	5,000
Total Amount Payable	£21,767.06
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Deposit Allowance	£600.00
Minimum Part Ex	£500.00
Amount of Credit	£14,261.39
47 Monthly Payments	£209.98
Optional Final Payment	£5,955.00
Interest Charges	£1,562.67
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Total Amount Payable	£17,133.06
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Customer Deposit	£249.00
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47 Monthly Payments	£249.00
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Westmoreland Services is a charming, daringly different island in a sea of bland mediocrity...

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FASHION, fancy food, and – dare I mention it – football. There are plenty of things the French do better than us at the moment, but I can happily confirm that the motorway service station isn't one of them.

Every services I've ever pulled into on the other side of the Channel has always been a distinctly bleak affair, and usually offers a single stall selling baguettes, a shop selling novelty biscuit tins in the shape of Citroen H-vans and six petrol pumps lined up outside, five of which are taken up by surly-looking truckers. Our service stations, on the other hand, are much better – but they're still far from perfect.

You might have seen in the news that travel consumer group Transport Focus named Norton Canes – the M6 Toll road's sole service station – as the nation's nicest motorway stop-off, with Thurrock Services on the M25 being given a pasting for keeping just 68 per cent of drivers happy. My own personal favourites include Forton (sorry, Lancaster) chiefly because the tower looks like it belongs in an episode of Thunderbirds, Stafford because it has such a wonderfully twisty access road, and Killington because it has its own lake and a name that'd be perfect for a horror film.

But in truth they're as vaguely awful as one another, with their indifferent décor, limited shop choices, and insistence on two hours' parking tops even if you need to stop for a nap on a long journey – and don't get me started on the loos. In a year when the UK celebrates 60 years of motorways, we've managed to reduce the services from somewhere when wide-eyed Sixties motorists went for days out to somewhere you dart in and out of as quicky as possible, and only because you're desperate for a pee.

Just about the only exception that I can think of is Westmoreland Services as you head up the M6 past the Lake District, which is full of freshly prepared farm produce and delightful-smelling cheeses from across the prettier bits of Northern England. It is a charming, daringly different island in a sea of bland mediocrity.

But you don't have to be in the Cumbrian hills for inspiration – you only have to look at airport departure lounges to see how a transport-related locale that everyone ventures out of necessity can be vaguely bearable. Where are the trendy designer shops at motorway services? Why aren't there decent restaurants? And why – especially when today's services seemed to be stuffed full with Tesla charging points – aren't there any posh executive lounges?

Motorway services are great for charging up electric cars, but they're hardly enticing destinations

I reckon a country that's come up with the Range Rover Evoque and Aston Martin DB11 can definitely come up with nicer service stations. We've got a long way to go – but at least they're better than the French ones.

David Simister is the editor of Classic Car Weekly

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58 **MERCEDES** E220 CDI, Executive auto, black, leather, upgraded alloys **£5495**
55 **BMW** X5 3.0 TD SPORT AUTO, silver, black leather, panoramic roof, FSH **£5250**
60 **SEAT** EXEO 2.0 TDI SALOON, silver, FSH **£4695**
11 **VAUXHALL** ASTRA 1.4 SXI 5DR, silver, alloys **£4495**
11 **PEUGEOT** 207 ESTATE STATION WAGON TD, in blue metallic **£3695**
08 **NISSAN** QASHQAI TEKNA DIESEL, in silver, leather, panoramic roof, FSH **£3495**
60 **VAUXHALL** MERIVA 1.4 SE, manual, in silver **£3495**
59 **ALFA ROMEO** MITO LUSSO 3-dr, black metallic, 61k **£3295**
07 **HONDA** CIVIC TYPE S GT 1.8 3DR, IN BLUE **£3250**
10 **FORD** MONDEO DIESEL ESTATE ZETEC, in black **£2995**
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58 **FIAT** BRAVO DIESEL, in gold, 5DR **£2595**
10 **VAUXHALL** CORSA 1.2'5DR, in silver/ blue **£2550**
08 **FORD** FOCUS 1.6 ZETEC 5-DR, in silver **£2495**
99 **MERCEDES** SLK 230 COMPRESSER COUPE AUTO, silver, leather seats **£2495**
04 **TOYOTA** RAV 4 XTS, blue, manual, alloys, sunroof **£2495**
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55 **VOLVO** V50 DIESEL ESTATE, grey metallic, full leather **£1995**
05 **VW** GOLF 2.0 GTTDI SPORT 6SPD 3DR, Silver **£1995**
53 **NISSAN** X TRAIL DIESEL 5DR, silver **£1795**
55 **VOLVO** V50 T.DIESEL ESTATE 2.0 in blue **£1695**
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52 **FORD** KA, silver, only 44,000 miles, silver, full MoT **£995**
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04 VAUXHALL VECTRA ESTATE 1.9 TDI, met blue, PAS, E/W, central locking, ABS, alloys, air con, half leather **£1,295**
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Burscough beaten by 38 runs to go bottom of table

BURSCOUGH slipped to bottom of the First Division table after they were beaten by 38 runs at home against Ainsdale.

Asked to bat first Ainsdale, thanks to an unbeaten century from new skipper Stephen Lucas 133* and 59 from former skipper Andy Barlow, were able to declare after 40 overs on 221-1.

In reply, Burscough were dismissed for 183 with Mal Swift and his skipper taking three wickets apiece, whilst skipper Jon Stone fell just short of a half century and Alan Murray completed his for the hosts.

Leaders Southport & Birkdale lost their unbeaten record as they were beaten by four wickets at Sefton Park, the visitors chose to bat and thanks in no small part to runs from Adam Phillips 83 and Harry May 36 were able to declare on 220-7 with Robbie Houghton taking 3-25. Inbetween showers the hosts moved along to 213-2 thanks to skipper Richie Forsyth 69, Jermain Davis 65 and Sean Vandome 62 setting up a tense last over finish executed by Greg Harvey 7* as the hosts sealed victory on 224-6, with visiting captain Chris Firth taking 4-61.

Fleetwood Hesketh suffered a 54 run defeat at Liverpool where the hosts were asked to bat and duly declared on 202-3 thanks in the main to a century from opener Henry Charlton 112 and 57 from fellow opener Kunal Mohambray. In reply Gavin Dickenson top scored with 45 as the visitors were dismissed for 148 thanks to 8-65 from Northamptonshire all rounder Luke Procter.

THIS weekend's local LDCC fixture's (1pm): Leigh v Northern, Ormskirk v New Brighton, Rainhill v Formby, Wallasey v Bootle, Ainsdale v Wigan, Fleetwood Hesketh v Birkenhead Park, Orrell Red Triangle v Burscough, Southport & Birkdale v Wavertree, Hightown St Mary's v Parkfield Liscard and Maghull v Southport Trinity.

Ormskirk lose ground on leaders after rain caused shortened game at Bootle

STORMY weather frustrated Ormskirk's bid to close the gap on the Liverpool & District Cricket Competition Premier Division leaders as they were held to a draw at fourth placed Bootle on Saturday in a match shortned by early by rain.

Ormskirk chose to bat first, and after openers Andrew Baybutt and Ian Robinson had put on 47 together the scoring rate slowed somewhat when the latter was dismissed for 27.

A third wicket stand of 85 between Baybutt (71) and Owen Griffiths (52) established a strong foothold for Ormskirk and the declaration arrived at 223-7 after 54 overs.

With weather interruptions taken into account, this left Bootle with only 34 in return and they mostly opted for a pragmatic rather than a gung-ho approach to their task.

Danny Davies batted sensibly to ensure that there would be no undue alarms and the total had advanced to 106-5 at close of play, Ormskirk clearly frustrated to learn that the gap to Northern at the top of the table had widened from 17 points to 35.

Northern beat the elements with a 69 run home win over Rainford.

The hosts elected to bat and thanks to an unbeaten 67* from skipper James Cole, 47 from Liam Grey, 41 from Tom Bailey and 26 from Chris Brownlow were able to declare on 220-5. In reply, Paul Farrar 48, John Dotters 29 and skipper David Snellgrove 28 all made positive starts, before Tom Sephton 5-49 and Justin Snow 3-52 (plus a run out) spun the game Northern's way as Rainford were dismissed for 151.

Formby remain in third place after a closely fought home draw against Wallasey, the hosts were put in to bat and eventually bowled out after tea for 200, with Ollie Sutton scoring his highest first team score with a superb 83, whilst skipper James Seward weighed in with 31 against a bowling attack led by Chris Bourne 5-40 and Danny Beaver 3-44. In reply Matt Wilcox 38, Andy Beaver 34, Jack Leckey 32 and Bourne 21* off 10 balls almost stole to match in the final 20 overs as they ended up on 190-8, with Lukman Vahaluwala taking 3-60.

Maghull tie for second time this season

MAGHULL recorded their second tie of their Second Division season in a thriller at Parkfield Liscard.

After choosing to bat Maghull declared on 241-4 with skipper Paul Walters carrying his bat with an unbeaten 101 (8x4 & 1x6), whilst able support came from Anthony Molloy with an unbeaten 49* and Jon Ring with 30.

In reply, Mohammed Ghafoor hit 84 and 40 each from Gareth Roberts and Grant Hughes almost took the hosts to victory before Cam Lawrenson stole the show with 3-42 and the run out of last man Darren Smith leaving both sides with fifteen points each.

Southport Trinity's home match against St Helens Town was abandoned by the weather, the visitors were asked to bat and thanks to Danny Roberts 73, Alec Davies 54 and Craig Woods 51 duly declared on 243-5.

In reply, Trinity lost two early wickets before Tony Campbell 26* and Wim Van Der Walt 16* restored order as they closed on 47-2.

Hightown St Mary's were narrowly beaten by two wickets at leaders Old Xaverians, after electing to bat the visitors managed to put 169 up on the board, thanks in the main to Jayden Schadendorf 55, Sachin Sharma 41 and Jim Kelly 28, whilst Colin Gibson took 7-30 with the ball.

In reply, Shaun Haigh 40, Josh Dilworth 33 and Matthew North 31 helped the hosts to victory on 170-8 with Kelly 3-35 and Schadendorf 3-49 taking the bulk of the wickets to fall.

Linnets looking in good shape ahead of season kick off

Report by Neil Leatherbarrow

THE local football season bursts into action this Saturday when Burscough entertain Hanley Town at Victoria Park.

There will be one or two new faces on display for the Linnets but manager Dave Sutton has managed to secure most of the side that finished last season in such spectacular style with a five game league winning run, so there is every reason for optimism at the club.

Speaking exclusively to the Champion, Dave Sutton is expecting his side to start the season strongly and the match against one of the promotion favourites will be a good test of how much they have improved in the last 12 months.

Dave said: "We have a decent squad by North-West Counties standards and we are very pleased that most of last season's squad have signed again for the coming season.

Burscough have only lost two players from the team that reached the Macron Cup Final in May.

Central defender Rex Kimona Puissance moving down to Birmingham where he is to go to university and goalkeeper Josh Samberg who has been tempted by an offer from Northwich Victoria and last week joined the Cheshire outfit.

Dave went on to say: "The players have shown a lot of faith in the club and in return we have shown a lot of faith in them, six of the squad have committed to signing contracts, including last season's 40 goal marksman Chad Whyte.

"We think they can carry on from where they left off at the end of last season, it is a good situation."

Burscough are still in the market for a goalkeeper and reportedly are in talks this week with a League Two club over a potential loan and with a locally based goalkeeper who has spent three years as a full-time professional before playing at a higher level of non-league.

The Linnets have brought in defender James Pennington and have midfielder Chris Devlin back from a spell in Yorkshire at university.

Danny Brady will carry on as captain and all the forwards who scored the huge amount of goals at the end of last season are still with the club.

Danny Brady will remain as Linnets captain for the new season. Picture by Marc Taylor

There is a busy schedule at Victoria Park in August with five home games before the end of the month, starting with Hanley Town on Saturday, which kicks off at 3pm.

Tuesday, August 7 sees Burscough away to Squires Gate. The FA Cup starts at home to 1874 Northwich on Saturday, August 11, then they entertain Bootle on Saturday, August 18.

It is another two weeks before Skelmersdale United begin their league fixtures when they will play at home to Leek Town on Saturday, August 18.

Skelmersdale had an excellent win on Friday night when they played a Morecambe XI at the JMO Sports Complex at Skelmersdale and beat the League Two side 3-0, new signing Kevin Edgar bagging two of the goals, David Moore the other.

Skelmersdale United's remaining pre-season fixtures are; Airbus UK Broughton on Saturday, August 4 at JMO Sports Complex at 3pm, Warrington Town also at JMO on Tuesday, August 7 at 8pm and a trip to Hyde United on Saturday, August 11.

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